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The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the decline in United States imports for consumption from $1,567.3 million in March to $1,555.3 million in April[1], a decrease of about one percent, reflected decreases in imports of manufactured foodstuffs, crude materials, and crude foodstuffs, which were partly offset by increases in imports of semimanufactures and finished manufactures. The April 1964 imports for consumption total was about seven percent higher than the April 1963 total of $1,449.6 million.

Imports for consumption for the first four months of 1964 amounted to $5,909.9 million, an increase of about 10 percent over the $5,371.6 million reported for the corresponding period of 1963.

[1] See the April 1964 issue of Report No. Ft 900-I for seasonally adjusted figures on general imports. Seasonally adjusted data are not available for imports for consumption or on a commodity basis.

The drop in imports of manufactured foodstuffs from $150.7 million in March to $142.6 million in April was largely due to a decrease in imports of sugar, from $37.2 to $32.1 million. Imports of crude materials fell from $274.1 to $267.8 million, mainly as the result of decreases in imports of crude petroleum, from $93.5 to $84.8 million, and crude rubber, from $19.9 to $13.6 million. However, these decreases were partly offset by an increase in imports of iron ore, from $17.8 to $23.9 million. Imports of crude foodstuffs declined from $202.4 to $199.2 million, attributable in part to a fall in imports of cocoa beans, from $15.2 to $8.2 million, which was offset in part by an advance in imports of coffee, from $125.4 to $131.6 million.

The increase in imports of semimanufactures, from $399.0 million in March to $343.1 million in April was due to a rise in imports of gas and fuel, from $52.7 to $59.1 million. Imports of finished manufactures rose slightly from $601.1 to $602.7 million.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report, but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States import trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics. However, the statistics may include some merchandise (principally duty-free) which is entered through United States Customs and subsequently exported in the same condition in which imported. In many cases, such merchandise differs from in transit merchandise only in the manner in which it is documented.

VALUATION: Import values are, in general, based on market price or selling price, and are, in general, f.o.b. the exporting country. Import values also exclude United States import duties. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

RELIABILITY: Monthly import statistics for individual commodities are based on full compilation of all formal entry shipments valued $100 and over (over 99 percent of total import value) and are therefore free of sampling variability. They are, however, subject to some error due to the omission of informal entry shipments (i.e. those valued under $250) and under $100 formal entry shipments from commodity statistics, and also from such sources as the carry-over of data from month to month in the compiling process and errors in the reporting or processing. Although the effect of such errors on the rounded totals in this report is probably small, the possibility of inaccuracy should be taken into account particularly in using figures of relatively small magnitude. The largest variation from rounding of figures is $50,000.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, compilation procedures and precision of import data is contained in the foreword of Report No. FT 110. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES: APRIL 1964 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantity in units indicated; value in millions of dollars. Imports for consumption are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus withdrawals for consumption from bonded warehouses. Figures for 1964 are as originally issued have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1963 include all revisions published with the December 1963 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1964. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts.)

Economic class and commodity[1,2]		April 1964	March 1964	April 1963	Monthly average 1963
Total	value	1,555.3	1,567.3	1,449.6	1,417.8
Free	value	605.3	630.2	542.6	522.8
Dutiable	value	950.0	937.1	907.0	895.0
Crude materials	value	267.8	274.1	249.5	261.7
Hides and skins	value	7.9	8.4	6.2	5.2
Undressed furs	value	10.8	14.9	10.2	9.7
Crude rubber	1,000,000 lb.	65	95	82	72
	value	13.6	19.9	19.4	16.8
Copra	1,000 lb.	13,664	25,110	57,209	43,413
	value	1.0	1.9	4.1	3.2
Tobacco, unmanufactured	1,000 lb.	14,687	12,876	13,235	13,985
	value	9.4	8.0	7.5	8.2
Cotton, unmanufactured	1,000 lb.	8,706	9,522	6,820	11,186
	value	0.9	0.9	0.5	2.3
Jute and jute butts	long tons	7,162	7,114	7,784	6,442
	value	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.1
Sisal and henequen	long tons	6,492	9,904	5,313	7,583
	value	1.7	2.7	1.1	1.8
Wool, unmanufactured, free	(1,000,000 lb.) actual weight	12	11	17	18
	clean content[3]	10	9	13	14
	value	8.2	7.2	8.4	9.6
Wool, unmanufactured, dutiable	(1,000,000 lb.) actual weight	12	12	17	14
	clean content[3]	9	9	12	10
	value	10.1	10.2	11.3	9.3
Pulpwood	1,000 cords	172	167	110	(*)
	value	1.9	2.0	1.5	2.1
Crude petroleum	1,000 bbl.	37,247	40,702	38,057	37,885
	value	84.8	93.5	85.3	85.4
Diamonds, rough or uncut	1,000 carats	133	126	44	146
	value	11.7	12.2	3.9	10.8
Diamonds, for industrial use	1,000 carats	1,275	1,567	503	981
	value	5.0	7.6	2.2	4.1
Iron ore and concentrates	1,000 long tons	2,403	2,017	1,877	2,772
	value	23.9	17.8	17.9	26.9
Ferroalloying ores	value	7.5	4.8	[4]9.4	[4]9.1
Copper (copper content)	1,000 lb.	3,770	4,759	4,310	3,709
	value	1.1	1.4	1.2	1.1
Lead (lead content)	1,000 lb.	51,878	16,105	46,470	23,140
	value	4.1	1.7	3.7	1.9
Tin (tin content)	long tons	2,046	738	405	244
	value	1.2	0.7	0.8	0.3
Zinc (zinc content)	1,000 lb.	101,921	46,878	118,395	67,709
	value	5.5	2.9	5.5	2.8
Other nonferrous ores and concentrates	value	12.7	10.1	10.4	10.0
All other crude materials	value	43.6	43.8	37.5	39.8
Crude foodstuffs	value	199.2	202.4	164.0	143.8
Fish and shellfish	1,000 lb.	(*)	(*)	45,706	49,011
	value	19.5	21.3	17.9	19.5
Cattle, except for breeding	thousands	70	51	102	69
	value	4.1	3.3	7.1	5.6
Grains	value	3.0	2.4	1.7	2.0
Vegetables, fresh and dried	value	8.4	10.2	4.3	3.7
Bananas	1,000 lb.	311,173	304,904	315,740	290,451
	value	8.6	7.3	7.2	6.8
Cocoa or cacao beans	1,000,000 lb.	38	66	88	53
	value	8.2	15.2	17.2	11.3
Coffee, raw or green	1,000,000 lb.	325	328	297	263
	value	131.6	125.4	90.0	79.6
Tea	1,000 lb.	13,982	12,377	12,276	10,503
	value	6.1	5.5	5.8	4.9
Black pepper, unground	1,000 lb.	1,282	4,157	3,454	3,370
	value	0.4	1.1	1.0	0.9
All other crude foodstuffs	value	9.1	10.6	11.8	9.5

See footnotes at end of table.

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Economic class and commodity[1,2]		April 1964	March 1964	April 1963	Monthly average 1963
Manufactured foodstuffs	value..	142.6	150.7	153.0	166.5
Meat products	value..	34.9	38.8	37.0	44.9
Cheese	1,000 lb..	6,401	8,519	8,985	6,919
	value..	3.0	3.8	3.9	3.1
Fish and shellfish canned, prepared, etc	1,000 lb..	40,267	43,053	40,600	44,620
	value..	12.2	12.9	12.3	13.1
Fodders and feeds	value..	1.9	1.8	1.2	1.6
Cane or beet sugar	1,000,000 lb..	416	454	752	74
	value..	32.1	37.2	46.0	53.9
Molasses	1,000 gal..	33,657	25,106	29,125	22,659
	value..	4.3	3.1	4.4	3.7
Whisky	value..	19.2	18.3	16.0	19.1
All other manufactured foodstuffs	value..	35.0	34.9	32.2	30.4
Semimanufactures	value..	343.1	339.0	336.2	312.7
Leather	value..	4.4	3.8	4.2	4.1
Bristles	1,000 lb..	194	290	396	294
	value..	0.8	0.9	1.3	0.9
Expressed oils, inedible	value..	5.2	7.1	4.1	5.0
Quebracho	1,000 lb..	6,534	7,772	10,040	5,054
	value..	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.3
Wool semimanufactures	value..	5.7	5.4	6.6	5.9
Sawed boards, planks, deals, etc	1,000,000 bd. ft..	(*)	(*)	424	9,590
	value..	33.6	32.0	28.8	30.5
Wood pulp	1,000 short tons..	228	265	226	231
	value..	29.1	32.5	26.6	27.5
Gas and fuel	1,000 bbl..	28,721	25,593	24,896	23,163
	value..	59.1	52.7	51.5	48.0
Asbestos	short tons..	5,567	5,338	54,546	37,804
	value..	1.1	1.0	4.6	3.5
Diamonds, cut but not set	1,000 carats..	82	106	62	85
	value..	7.9	10.9	5.7	7.8
Iron and steel semimanufactures	value..	32.8	30.4	23.8	29.2
Aluminum	value..	14.7	15.2	16.0	16.8
Copper (copper content)	1,000,000 lb..	34	94	64	69
	value..	25.0	28.4	18.8	20.5
Lead (lead content)	1,000 lb..	47,962	31,809	58,823	40,133
	value..	5.1	3.3	5.7	3.8
Nickel and alloys	1,000 lb..	24,873	20,322	35,110	20,001
	value..	17.5	14.6	25.4	14.4
Tin	1,000 lb..	5,355	7,712	8,390	8,405
	value..	6.6	10.0	9.0	9.1
Zinc	1,000 lb..	30,486	21,667	30,028	22,535
	value..	3.3	2.4	3.1	2.4
Coal-tar products	value..	3.9	4.0	5.2	4.9
Industrial chemicals	value..	22.3	21.2	433.6	425.1
Fertilizers and materials	1,000 short tons..	376	292	318	205
	value..	12.8	10.6	11.4	7.2
All other semimanufactures	value..	51.6	52.1	50.0	45.9
Finished manufactures	value..	602.7	601.1	546.9	533.2
Leather manufactures	value..	9.8	10.8	11.4	11.9
Essential or distilled oils	value..	1.8	2.3	2.2	2.2
Cotton cloth[4]	1,000 sq. yd..	43,029	52,465	53,352	39,042
	value..	9.6	7.1	10.9	8.9
Other cotton manufactures[4]	value..	17.2	17.1	16.6	14.3
Burlap	1,000 yd..	87,748	86,652	97,797	90,397
	1,000 lb..	63,800	64,827	65,859	63,336
	value..	13.6	14.5	14.6	14.0
Flax, hemp and ramie manufactures	value..	1.1	1.2	3.2	2.5
Wool manufactures	value..	20.3	17.4	20.5	22.4
Silk manufactures	value..	3.4	3.9	3.8	3.9
Shingles	1,000 squares..	246	241	234	238
	value..	2.6	2.7	2.3	2.4
Newsprint	1,000 short tons..	475	473	470	451
	value..	61.2	58.7	59.9	57.3
Other paper manufactures	value..	6.1	6.0	7.5	6.9
Pottery	value..	5.1	5.5	5.4	5.2

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Economic class and commodity[1,2]	April 1964	March 1964	April 1963	Monthly average 1963
Finished manufactures—Continued				
Steel mill products.....value..	29.7	29.3	32.3	30.2
Iron and steel advanced manufactures.....value..	10.3	10.6	12.6	11.5
Agricultural machinery and implements.....value..	17.6	19.8	20.2	14.7
Automobiles and parts.....value..	55.4	55.0	55.1	46.8
Other machinery.....value..	83.8	84.1	79.4	75.3
Vehicles, except automobiles.....value..	21.6	19.9	16.1	16.0
Photographic goods.....value..	8.4	8.4	5.8	6.6
Scientific and professional instruments.....value..	7.1	6.0	5.2	5.4
Musical instruments and parts.....value..	2.7	2.6	2.2	2.5
Toys and sporting goods.....value..	8.5	8.8	8.5	8.8
Watches and watch movements, except parts.....value..	5.0	4.6	4.3	4.8
American goods returned.....value..	34.0	44.9	23.4	25.7
All other finished manufactures.....value..	154.2	148.0	110.9	118.3
Estimated value $1-$99 formal and $1-$250 informal entry shipments[5].....value..	12.7	11.9	12.6	14.6

*Not available. [1]Based on commodity classifications in Schedule A, Statistical Classification of Commodities Imported into the United States. A supplement to Report No. FT 930-I showing the Schedule A numbers included in the individual economic class and commodity totals is available on request. [2]The data in this report for September 1963 and subsequent periods are based on the classifications in the Tariff Schedules of the United States Annotated (TSUSA), an official publication of the United States Tariff Commission. A supplement to this report showing the Tariff Schedules of the United States, Annotated (TSUSA numbers) included in the economic classes and individual commodities is available on request. [3]Includes the actual weight of carbanized wool. [4]Certain uranium bearing materials, formerly classified under "ferroalloying ores" are included under "industrial chemicals" beginning with the September 1963 statistics. The 1963 monthly and monthly average figures shown have been revised to reflect this change. [5]This estimate is subject to a sampling variation of about 3 percent of the estimated value shown. For an explanation of the sampling procedures used in estimating, see foreword of Report No. FT 110.

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